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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois seeks to support development
3 that enhances agriculture, industry, public safety, and the
4 overall economy of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Levees protect against reoccurring flood damage
6 and have the ability to block wide floodplains and displace
7 floodwater; and

8 WHEREAS, Permitting processes should be straightforward
9 and timely so that lawful and responsible economic growth can
10 be feasibly accomplished while preserving the goal of this
11 State to protect the people of Illinois from unmitigated flood
12 damages caused by others; and

13 WHEREAS, State regulatory processes should consider the
14 regulatory processes of federal agencies, especially the U.S.
15 Army Corps of Engineers and the federal Emergency Management
16 Agency, to minimize the burden of meeting conflicting technical
17 requirements between agencies; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois Department
21 of Natural Resources to develop amendments to Part 3700 of

1 Title 17 of the Illinois Administrative Code for consideration
2 of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules that:

3 (1) better define the flood risk associated with levee
4 construction by adjusting the upper regulatory limit for a
5 worst-case analysis to be the flood discharge with a 0.2%
6 annual chance of exceedance (500-year frequency) for
7 levees and floodwalls;

8 (2) create uniform technical policies, when applicable
9 and appropriate, with those imposed by other regulatory
10 agencies at the federal, State, and local levels; and

11 (3) create standards for responding to application
12 submissions in a timely manner with identification of
13 requirements for necessary submissions to demonstrate
14 compliance with administrative rules; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 delivered to the Director of Natural Resources.